

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Howard C. Benham, a Young Banker, Found Guilty of Wife Murder.

Batavia, N. Y., July 30.—Howard C. Benham, young banker of this place, was to-day found guilty of murder in the first degree. Benham was remanded for sentence to Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when it is probable his counsel will make a motion for a new trial.

Benham did not seem to fully realize the force of the situation at first. As he was leaving the courtroom, it seemed to dawn upon him in all its horror. His face grew deadly white, he tottered, and seemed about to fall. His attorneys gathered about him, and walked with him out of the room.

The Benham tragedy began with a romance—the elopement on August 2, 1892, of Miss Florence Tont, an heiress, and but 16 years of age. Howard C. Benham at that time was 22 years of age. In December last Mrs. Benham was taken seriously ill, and on the morning of January 4 she died. Benham gave out a statement that death was due to rheumatism of the heart. Two days later, owing to various rumors, the coroner decided to have an autopsy, the result of which was a statement that death was caused by atrophy and degeneration of the muscular tissue.

Later, rumors became current that Benham had purchased prussic acid, and Mrs. Benham's body was exhumed, and the various organs removed for examination. As a result, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the death of Mrs. Benham was caused by "hydrocyanic acid or prussic acid poison administered by her husband." Benham was then indicted, and was placed on trial June 21. As to the motive for the crime, it was said that Benham desired to be free from his wife, not only that he might inherit \$300,000 that she possessed, but that he might marry a young woman with whom he was said to be desperately in love.

"POOR MAN'S PARADISE."

Booth Tucker Hopes to Interest Capitalists in His Colonization Scheme.

New York, July 30.—F. De Latour Booth-Tucker, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, returned to-day from the Southwest, where he inspected lands for the purpose of selecting a site for his proposed "Poor Man's Paradise."

The commander said he hoped to interest capitalists in the scheme and that if he was successful, there would soon be established in the Southwest a colony which would go far toward solving the problem of how to better the conditions of the city poor.

He hopes to have early in September a conference with several Eastern capitalists who own large tracts of land in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. The commander does not expect that any of them will give their lands for the plan of establishing a Western Utopia, but he believes he can demonstrate the practicability of his plan and that he can assure the capitalists a return of 5 per cent. on their investment. If he succeeds in doing this he will raise \$500,000 and with the money will start 750 families for the new colony within a year.

Elizabeth, N. J., Oct. 19, 1896.

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CANADIANS ON THE MOVE.

Take Steps to Look After Their Share of the Gold Fields.

Ottawa, Ont., July 30.—At a meeting of the ministers last evening Minister Patterson was authorized to send two more custom officers to the Alaska boundary by the Islander, which sails for the north to-morrow.

The officers will be taken from the Victoria custom house and will be accompanied by a couple of provincial police. They will open stations as outposts of Victoria, beyond the head of Lynn canal, which is in disputed territory and at present in the United States possessions, and at Lake Tagish. There is a collector at Fort Cudahy, only fifty miles from Dawson City, and these arrangements, backed up by a strong force of police, are considered ample for the protection of revenue just now. The greatest question of all is one of communication.

It is reported that a pack trail exists for twenty of the eighty miles, which will separate the coast from the first port to be established at 60 degrees of latitude in undisputed British territory. If so, a narrow gauge railway can be built where there is a pack trail. The cost would not be great, and if cars could be hauled twice a day over the mountains facing the coast a tremendous obstacle would be overcome, because in winter it is impossible to cross the mountains except at the risk of life, and to be caught in a storm would be fatal. The mounted police force will be increased from 20 to 100. Thomas Fawcett will be continued as gold commissioner and the regulations already adopted will be amended.

A strong customs and police force will be established just north of the British Columbia boundary beyond the head of the Lynn canal at 60 degrees of latitude.

Estimates will also be obtained of the cost of building a wagon and a narrow gauge railway to this point in the mountains, distance of seventy or eighty miles, about forty of which is over mountains. This post, which will be where the Chilcot and White passes converge and command the southern entrances to the whole territory. Mounted police posts will be established here at a distance of fifty miles apart up to Fort Selkirk. These will be used to open up a winter road over which monthly mails will be sent by dog trains.

If possible a telegraph line will be constructed over the mountains from the head of the Lynn canal to the first post. The consent of the authorities of the United States will be asked in diplomatic correspondence to a modus vivendi under which Canada will have the right of way over the disputed territory from Lynn canal to the first mounted police post.

No difficulty is anticipated in securing the right of way through the little piece of disputed territory the route and telegraph line would have to cross to reach the head of Lynn canal, although the territory is now in the United States possessions.

WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS.

Thorntown, Ind., July 30.—The express from Chicago, over the Big Four, was wrecked here this morning. The engineer, fireman and two passengers were killed, and several injured. The engine jumped the track at a frog. A coupling pin was found in the frog. It was undoubtedly placed there for the purpose of wrecking the train. There is no clue as to the perpetrators of the crime; but the detectives are at work.

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I have hot weather shoes for everybody. Keep your feet nice and cool and you can stand the hot weather. I have complete stocks in two stores—Salem avenue and Jefferson street. BACHRACH.

Breakfast, 25 cents; dinner, 25 cents; supper 25 cents. Meal tickets) H. J. Catogni's restaurant.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. For sale by Johnson & Johnson.

A CHANCE FOR BIMETALLISM.

Great Britain May Join the International Conference at Washington.

New York, July 30.—A Washington special to the Herald says: Official information just received in Washington indicates that Great Britain will consent to join in an international monetary conference to be held in this city next winter.

This information is a complete confirmation of the cable dispatches from London a few days ago, which stated that Great Britain's representatives had received the proposition of the United States envoys more favorably than was expected. The statements received here indicate that the mission of Special Envoys Stevenson, Paine and Wolcott will be so far successful as to insure the meeting of another international monetary conference.

Though Great Britain has not yet made an official response to the proposition of the United States envoys, an intimation has been given to representatives of this government that England will soon consent to participate in an international conference in Washington. This report comes through official channels and gives much satisfaction to those who hope an international agreement is possible.

Reports from the envoys also state that their reception in France was far more favorable than the reports indicated at the time of their visit and that France practically accepted the proposal to join in a conference and abide by its results, providing Great Britain could be induced to do likewise.

A bimetallic conference, without Great Britain participating could, of course, accomplish nothing, as bimetallicism could not be successful without full and complete approval of England. The United States Government has made no suggestions about the basis of an international bimetallic agreement, and no definite statement regarding a basis of agreement was included in the instructions to the special envoys. It is stated by officials of the administration that their business was solely to bring about an international conference, leaving the details to be determined later.

Such a conference now seems to be assured, but there is no reason for believing that any practical plan can be agreed upon. While several members of the present British government, including Mr. Balfour are theoretical bimetallicists, it is not believed they would be supported by the English people in overthrowing the gold standard or doing any further than opening the Indian mints.

Germany is another country from which little or no cooperation can be expected in the direction of the reestablishment of the double standard, for while there are advocates of free coinage of silver among German statesmen, that government has not regarded the project with favor. Baron von Thielmann, recently ambassador to the United States, who has been placed at the head of the imperial treasury, is an uncompromising advocate of the single standard.

Any agreement that might be made by an international conference would doubtless be one which would practically throw the entire burden of sustaining the parity of the two metals upon the United States.

SENDING FOOD TO ALASKA.

Chicago, July 30.—The P. B. Wear Company to-day received a Klondike nugget valued at \$350, which is said to be the finest ever seen in this city. The company has added two steamers to their Alaskan fleet at San Francisco, which will sail with nothing but provisions.

NO KICK COMING.

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Farm of 125 acres of fine land on "Little Otter," 4 1/2 miles from Bedford City, and 1 1/2 miles from N. & W. station, 50 acres of bottom land, 6 room dwelling, fine selection of fruit. Price \$2,800, on reasonable time.

Farm 87 acres, adjoining the town of Salem, 4-room dwelling, 25 acres of timber, 20 acres of bottom land. The location of this place makes it a great bargain at \$2,200.

35 1/2 acres of fine fruit land, 8 miles from Roanoke near Hanging Rock, 5-room dwelling, 18 acres clear, balance in timber, well watered. Price \$400.

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Special bargain for cash in a large 8-room dwelling on Campbell street.

Three nice Lewis addition lots, all for \$350.

One corner lot near Belmont school house. Price \$125; \$25 cash, balance \$5 per month.

Large 8-room dwelling on corner lot in the southwest part of town for \$1,050 cash.

Special bargain in handsome double front business property paying 12 per cent. on price asked.

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Money-Saving Opportunities Such as May Never Occur Again.

Must Reduce Stock! Profits out of the question! Every Suit a real bargain! Dollars instead of quarters saved by acting quick!

Prices Cut from \$7.50, \$10, \$12, \$15 to \$5, \$6.50, \$8.50, \$10.

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ABOUT three thousand pairs of Trousers that are awaiting your "legs." If you need Trousers now, or expect to need them within six months, you had better come in and see what we have. You never saw such values.

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Endless variety and prices low on Shirts, Underwear, Neckwear, Belts, Socks, Umbrellas, Hats and Caps.

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Here's a List of Bargains For This Week:**LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S TIES AND BOWS.**

About ten dozen Ladies' Ties and Bows in Satin and Washable Materials. Former values have been 25c and 50c—your choice of the lot to-morrow at only 10 cents each.

WASH DRESS GOODS.

Lawns, Dimities and Lappet Mulls at Less Than One-Half Price.

All our 12 1/2c Lawns and Dimities at 5 1/2c.

All our Lappet Mulls, Linen Effects, etc., worth 15c and 20c the yard, at 10c.

REMNANTS! REMNANTS!

Another big lot of short length White Goods in Plaids, Nainsooks, India Linens, Printed Lawns, etc., on counter to-morrow at one-half former price.

LINEN CRASH FOR SKIRTS.

5 pieces Heavy Linen Crash for Skirts, the 15c quality, at 10c yard.

PERCALES! PERCALES!

20 Pieces Fine Percales, the 8c grade, to-morrow at 5 1/2c. 15 pieces finest full yard wide Percales; never before less than 12 1/2c, to go at 9c yard.

GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER UNDERWEAR

At Reduced Prices to Close.

About ten dozen Shirts and Drawers in fine quality Balbriggan; Underwear worth 50c, at 3 for \$1.

10 dozen Balbriggan Shirts, are worth 35c, at 22c each.

BOARDING HOUSEKEEPERS, PREPARE FOR THE CONVENTION.

Special Inducements in Towels, Napkins, Sheetings and Table Linens.

100 dozen Fine quality every thread Linen Huck Towels, worth 12 1/2c, at 10c.

100 dozen extra Large 22x24 All-Linen Huck Towels, worth 15c, at 12 1/2c.

Napkins, full size, extra quality, at 59c, 75c, 88c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.59. These are all good values.

66-inch wide Cream Bleached All-Linen Table Damask, extra quality, pretty, choice patterns, at 48c, worth 59c.

68-inch very pretty Full Bleached Table Linen, Irish made, good, heavy quality; the usual \$1 sort, at 79c.

Special prices on Counterpanes. See them.

SPECIAL SALE OF HANDKERCHIFFS.

25 dozen narrow 1/2 and 3/4 inch Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for Ladies, guaranteed all pure linen, at 10c and 12 1/2c, worth 15c and 18c. See them.

SPECIAL SALE OF SILKS TO-DAY.

8 or 10 pieces of Printed China Silks, all the shades, embracing our entire stock; worth 59c, to-day your choice at 39c.

Lot of Short Length Black Silks, ranging from 5 to 10 yards. To close at reduced prices.

SOME GREAT VALUES IN BLACK DRESS GOODS TO-MORROW.

10 pieces Fine Black French Serge, worth 33c, to-morrow 24c. Absolutely all-wool.

10 pieces of 38-inch Very Fine All-Wool Storm Serges, very desirable at this season; worth 39c, to go at 29c.

5 pieces of the very popular All-Wool Black Granite Cloth; worth 75c, to go at 59c.

LADIES' SKIRTS.

5 Ladies' Checked Skirts, fine quality Woolen Material, nicely made, newest cuts; worth \$3.25 and \$3.99, to go at \$1.75 and \$2.50. See them.

BIG LOT OF SOILED COLLARS TO CLOSE.

About ten dozen Gentlemen's Collars in bad condition to go as follows:

Five dozen, big size, at 1c each.

Five dozen, all sizes, soiled, at 5c each, worth 15c.

We are offering great values throughout the house.